

**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hancock)**

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An act to add Section 30951.1 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to toll bridges, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1545, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Bay Area toll bridges.

Existing law designates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as the regional transportation planning agency for the 9-county San Francisco Bay Area. Existing law creates the Bay Area Toll Authority with specified powers and duties relative to administration of certain toll revenues from state-owned toll bridges within the geographic jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

This bill would prohibit public money from being used on the development or improvement of an office building at 390 Main Street, San Francisco, until after the State Auditor has completed a specified audit relating to the move of the headquarters of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Upon completion of the audit, the bill would require the issues raised in the audit to be addressed and a report in that regard to be submitted to the Legislature prior to future expenditure of public money on the headquarters project. These provisions would apply to the Bay Area Toll Authority, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Headquarters Authority. The bill would thereby impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 30951.1 is added to the Streets and  
2 Highways Code, to read:

3 30951.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
4 chapter, or any other provision of law, public money may not be  
5 used on the development or improvement of an office building at  
6 390 Main Street, San Francisco, until after the State Auditor has  
7 completed the audit approved by the Joint Legislative Audit  
8 Committee of the move of the headquarters of the Metropolitan  
9 Transportation Commission.

10 (b) Upon completion of the audit and prior to future expenditure  
11 of public money for the purposes described in subdivision (a), the  
12 issues raised in the audit shall first be addressed. A report shall be  
13 submitted to the Legislature in accordance with Section 9795 of  
14 the Government Code describing the manner in which those issues  
15 were addressed.

16 (c) This section applies to the authority, the Metropolitan  
17 Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Headquarters  
18 Authority.

19 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
20 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
21 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
22 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
23 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

24 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
25 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
26 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into  
27 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

1     In order to prevent the potential misuse of toll and other public  
2     revenues, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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